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Oh Boy!

Respectfully,

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Dear Ms. Allard,

First, thank you for all that you and your staff are doing WRT the integrity of the FOIA/PA processes and the accuracy of reporting. I appreciate it.

With my deep respect, I am seeking a policy determination from your office regarding DOD's interpretation of/policy for using the FOIA (b)(6) privacy exemption.

May I ask:

- Do the names of Agency's have privacy rights?
- Ordinary building names?
- Military Treatment Facility names?
- FOIA Officer names?
- Multi- function printer, copier, scanner, fax machines? This last rather odd issue came up recently WRT Walter Reed.

As you know, in a GAO audit requested by the Attorney General, DOD was singled out (along with three other federal agencies) regarding concerns over miss-use of this exemption, misuse the (b)(5) exemption and errant FOIA tracking and reporting to the Attorney General. For some time, DOJ required DOD to submit quarterly FOIA Reports and ODCMO required additional data.

As you know, I am concerned that many of these same errant practices that DOD promised to fix are still ongoing and that internal controls may be being overridden.

Still a DOJ/GAO concern.

With my deep respect,

Robert Hammond